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FCC FILINGS. OMD. Internet URL: <https://www.fcc.gov/filings.html>

FCC CALENDAR OF EVENTS. OPA. Internet URL: <https://www.fcc.gov/calendar.html>

PUBLIC NOTICES

Released: August 22, 1997. AGENDA FOR 42ND PART 68 INDUSTRY MEETING (REVISED).

Released: August 22, 1997. TARIFF TRANSMITTAL PUBLIC REFERENCE LOG, NON-DOMINANT CARRIERS, AUG. 21, 1997. Internet URL: https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Common_Carrier/Public_Notices/Tariffs/Non-Dominant/nd082197.pdf

Report No: 1145. Released: August 22, 1997. CABLE TELEVISION SERVICE REGISTRATIONS; SPECIAL RELIEF AND OTHER FILINGS.

Report No: 44061. Released: August 22, 1997. BROADCAST ACTIONS. Internet URL: https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Mass_Media/Public_Notices/Brdcst_Actions/ac970822.txt

Report No: 24061. Released: August 22, 1997. BROADCAST APPLICATIONS. Internet URL: https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Mass_Media/Public_Notices/Brdcst_Applications/ap970822.txt

Released: August 22, 1997. EX PARTE PRESENTATIONS AND POST-REPLY COMMENT PERIOD FILINGS IN PERMIT-BUT-DISCLOSE PROCEEDINGS. Internet URL: https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Miscellaneous/Public_Notices/Exparte/ex970822.html

Report No: 2219. Released: August 22, 1997. OFFICE OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS REFERENCE OPERATIONS DIVISION PETITIONS FOR RULEMAKING FILED.

Report No: CL-97-77. Released: August 22, 1997. WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS BUREAU COMMERCIAL RADIO SERVICE INFORMATION.

Report No: LB-97-48. Released: August 22, 1997. WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS BUREAU COMMERCIAL WIRELESS SERVICE INFORMATION. Internet URL: https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Wireless/Public_Notices/1997/pnw17208.txt

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DOVER TOWNSHIP, NJ. Issued Order terminating investigation with respect to proposed rates, terms and conditions for the provision of video dialtone service in Dover Township set forth by CC Docket No. 95-145. Action by Commission. Adopted: August 14, 1997. by Order. (FCC No. 97-287). CCB Internet URL: https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Common_Carrier/Orders/1997/fcc97287.txt

****PAY TELEPHONE RECLASSIFICATION AND COMPENSATION PROVISIONS OF THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1996.** Established rules to exempt central-office-implemented coin payphone equipment of the kinds currently attached to the public switched telephone network from registration requirements. Established dates by which the Commission will determine whether equipment is grandfathered and provide Part 68 applicants 18 months to comply with the new registration requirements. Action by Deputy Chief, CCB. Adopted: August 21, 1997. by MO&O. (DA No. 97-1793). CCB Internet URL: https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Common_Carrier/Orders/1997/da971793.txt

****PRICE CAP PERFORMANCE REVIEW FOR LOCAL EXCHANGE CARRIERS; TREATMENT OF VIDEO DIALTONE SERVICE UNDER PRICE CAP REGULATION.** Terminated that portion of CC Docket No. 94-1 entitled Treatment of Video Dialtone Services Under Price Cap Regulation, including the Third Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking. Action by Commission. Adopted: August 14, 1997. by Order. (FCC No. 97-288). CCB Internet URL: https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Common_Carrier/Orders/1997/fcc97288.txt

ROBERT J. POWERS, PUYALLUP, WA. Ordered Robert J. Powers to forfeit \$1,600 for operating on an unlicensed frequency. Action by Chief, CIB. Adopted: August 19, 1997. by Order. (DA No. 97-1785). CIB Internet URL: <https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Compliance/Orders/1997/da971785.txt>

CITIZENS BAND RADIO STATION, MELBOURNE, FL. Denied a Petition for Reconsideration by Victor Pessaro, operator of Citizens Band Radio in Melbourne, FL; ordered Pessaro to pay forfeiture in the amount of \$750. Action by Acting Chief, Compliance and Information Bureau. Adopted: August 19, 1997. by Order. (DA No. 97-1786). CIB Internet URL: <https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Compliance/Orders/1997/da971786.txt>

COVINGTON CABLE TV. Granted petition filed by Covington, Cable TV for modification of WTLK-TV's television market to exclude Covington, Oxford, and Porterdale, GA, and surrounding unincorporated areas of Newton County, GA. Dismissed petition filed by Paxson Atlanta License, Inc. for mandatory carriage on Covington Cable TV's cable system. Action by Deputy Chief, CSB. Adopted: August 15, 1997. by MO&O. (DA No. 97-1796). CSB Internet URL: <https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Cable/Orders/1997/da971796.txt>

**** CLOSED CAPTIONING AND VIDEO DESCRIPTION OF VIDEO PROGRAMMING.** Adopted rules to require the closed captioning of video programming to fulfill the statutory mandate of Section 713 of the Communications Act. The R&O adopts transition schedules, exemptions as authorized by Congress and enforcement procedures. Dkt No.: MM- 95-176. Action by Commission. Adopted: August 7, 1997. by R&O. (FCC No. 97-279). CSB Internet URL: <https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Cable/Orders/1997/fcc97279.txt>

TRIAX ASSOCIATES, L.P. Denied complaints filed against the rates charged for cable programming service tier in Savage, MN. Action by Acting Chief, Financial Analysis and Compliance Division, CSB. Adopted: August 20, 1997. by Order. (DA No. 97-1795). CSB Internet URL: <https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Cable/Orders/1997/da971795.txt>

TRIAX MIDWEST ASSOCIATES, L.P. Denied complaint filed against the rates charged for cable programming services tier in Coon Valley, WI. Found cable programming services tier rates reasonable beginning Feb. 1, 1996. Action by Acting Chief, Financial Analysis and Compliance Division, CSB. Adopted: August 20, 1997. by Order. (DA No. 97-1789). CSB Internet URL: <https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Cable/Orders/1997/da971789.txt>

TRIAX MIDWEST ASSOCIATES, L.P. Denied complaint filed against the rates charged for cable programming service tier in Fennimore, WI. Found cable programming services tier rates reasonable beginning Feb. 1, 1996. Action by Acting Chief, Financial Analysis and Compliance Division, CSB. Adopted: August 20, 1997. by Order. (DA No. 97-1792). CSB Internet URL: <https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Cable/Orders/1997/da971792.txt>

TRIAX MIDWEST ASSOCIATES, L.P. Denied complaint filed against the rates charged for cable programming service tier in Shelby, WI. Found cable programming services tier rates reasonable beginning Feb. 1, 1996. Action by Acting Chief, Financial Analysis and Compliance Division, CSB. Adopted: August 20, 1997. by Order. (DA No. 97-1791). CSB Internet URL: <https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Cable/Orders/1997/da971791.txt>

WFLA-TV, TAMPA, FL. Granted the renewal application of Tampa Television, Inc. for Station WFLA-TV subject to EEO reporting conditions and issued a Notice of Apparent Liability for Forfeiture in the amount of \$10,000. Action by Commission. Adopted: August 18, 1997. by MO&O. (FCC No. 97-297). MMB Internet URL: https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Mass_Media/Orders/1997/fcc97297.txt

GRAND ISLE, LA. Allotted Channel 283A to Grand Isle, LA; window period for filing applications opens Oct. 6, 1997 and closes on Nov. 6, 1997. Dkt No.: MM- 97-123. Action by Chief, Allocations Branch, MMB. Adopted: August 13, 1997. by R&O. (DA No. 97-1771). MMB Internet URL: https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Mass_Media/Orders/1997/da971771.txt

DEERFIELD, MO. Allotted Channel 264C3 to Deerfield, MO. Window period for filing applications opens Oct. 6, 1997 and closes Nov. 6, 1997. Dkt No.: MM- 97-111. Action by Chief, Allocations Branch, MMB. Adopted: August 13, 1997. by R&O. (DA No. 97-1770). MMB Internet URL: https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Mass_Media/Orders/1997/da971770.txt

ADDENDA: The following items, released August 21, 1997, did not appear in Digest No. 162:

NEWS RELEASES

FCC APPROVES MCI/BRITISH TELECOM MERGER SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS. Approved the merger of MCI/BT subject to conditions and safeguards that ensure the merger will enhance competition in the U.S.. Report No: IN-97-25. by MO&O. Action by: Commission. Adopted: August 21, 1997. (FCC No. 97-302) News Media Contact: Meribeth McCarrick (202) 418-0500. IB Contact: International Bureau: Joanna Lowry at (202) 418-1465, Jamie Hedlund at (202) 418-1399. Internet URL: https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/International/News_Releases/1997/nrin7033.txt

SPEECHES

STATEMENT OF FCC CHAIRMAN REED HUNDT ON FCC APPROVAL OF MCI/BRITISH TELECOM MERGER. Internet URL: <https://www.fcc.gov/Speeches/Hundt/rehbtmci.html>

PRESS STATEMENT OF COMMISSIONER SUSAN NESS ON FCC'S APPROVAL OF MCI/BRITISH TELECOM MERGER. Internet URL: <https://www.fcc.gov/Speeches/Ness/States/st970821.html>

PRESS STATEMENT OF COMMISSIONER RACHELLE B. CHONG REGARDING BT/MCI MERGER. Internet URL: https://www.fcc.gov/Speeches/Chong/separate_statements/rbcbtmci.html

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CALLER ID. Denied requests for reconsideration and waiver filed by Germantown Telephone Company and Middleburgh Telephone Company regarding Commission rules on calling number identification services. By Order on Reconsideration. Dkt No.: CC- 97-281. Action by Chief, CCB. Adopted: August 20, 1997. (DA No. 97-1788). CCB Internet URL: https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Common_Carrier/Orders/1997/da971788.txt

TELECOMMUNICATIONS RELAY SERVICES AND THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT OF 1990. Suspended enforcement of the coin sent-paid requirement for one additional year, until August 26, 1998. Action by Chief, Common Carrier Bureau. Adopted: August 20, 1997. by Order. (DA No. 97-1800). CCB Internet URL: https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Common_Carrier/Orders/1997/da971800.txt

MERCURY PCS, II, LLC. Conditionally granted 23 of Mercury's applications for broadband PCS systems in frequency blocks D, E, and F. Action by Acting Chief, WTB. Adopted: August 21, 1997. by MO&O. (DA No. 97-1782). WTB Internet URL: <https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Wireless/Orders/1997/da971782.txt>

EXTENDED TIME PERIOD FOR FILING COMMENTS IN RESPONSE TO THE SECOND FURTHER NPRM CONCERNING THE COMMISSION'S RULES ON MARITIME COMMUNICATIONS. Comments due by: September 15, 1997; replies due September 30, 1997. By Order Extending Comment and Reply Comment Period. Action by Chief, Public Safety and Private Wireless Division, WTB. Adopted: August 21, 1997. by Order. (DA No. 97-1806). WTB Internet URL: <https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Wireless/Orders/1997/da971806.txt>